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Hi Cheryl,

Thank you for the follow-up discussion this afternoon.

Below is the email I mentioned in our call today that was sent to John Hunter of MPCA by Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) (a Red Oaks resident) presenting concerns about the timing associated with a long-term permanent solution to the residential well 1,4-dioxane impacts.

MPCA will provide you with the final Investigation Report being prepared by Braun for the recent monitoring wells installed and sampled near the WDE landfill as well as the analytical results for the 4th quarter Red Oaks residential well sampling under separate cover.

The MPCA Site Assessment program is taking over providing bottled water to the impacted residences and is also preparing to conduct another round of residential well sampling in Q1 or Q2 of 2023.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Tim

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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)
Sent: Wednesday, January 4, 2023 11:46 AM
To: Hunter, John (MPCA) <john.hunter@state.mn.us>

Cc: James Dickinson <J.Dickinson@andovermn.gov> **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**

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Hello John,

Thank you for the rather informative update about the Red Oaks water situation. I read it very carefully.

My understanding is the following; please correct me if I am wrong.

The MPCA, (a scientific entity), is most curious whence the contamination, any contamination in or around the Red Oaks neighborhood, is coming from. At this point, no definitive answer has been found.

While a number of wells, which had been drilled by the MPCA south of the neighborhood in June of 2022, along Bunker Blvd, showed health-based exceeding values, "permanent wells installed between the WDE landfill, (which is, I assume, you are also referring to as a Superfund-Site), and Red Oaks in September of 2022 are showing very little 1,4-dioxane".

You conclude that "the 1,4-dioxane contamination found in the Red Oaks residential wells is likely not coming from the WDE landfill". As scientists, you are obviously interested in finding out where it is in fact coming from. For this reason you "are adding a team from the MPCA Superfund Program and working with the EPA."

On the other hand, two other entities are in play: the state legislature, and the City of Andover. These are not scientific entities. They are not proficient in finding out the source of the problem. Their responsibility is to provide the funding to remedy the problem you have found. Hiring contractors to do the job is only a function of how much money these two entities can agree upon; that is, IF any money will be secured as a result of their collaboration AT ALL. I quote from the letter: "If funding is secured through the legislative process...". Note: not when... but if. Where will it come from if it isn't???

What I see is the following:

The neighborhood is at the mercy of

1. the insistence of the MPCA to determine the extent of the contamination BEYOND the neighborhood, and
2. the ability/willingness by the local and state authorities to procure the necessary funding to fix the problem as soon as possible. If at all!

My question for the MPCA is:

How low do the health-based values have to be to make you terminate your search; even if those values are found way beyond Red Oaks? The farther out you insist on extending your search, the longer it will take the legislature and the City of Andover to figure out if/how/when to agree on the necessary funds.

My question for the City of Andover is:

Why are you not giving the MPCA a deadline as to the conclusion of their research?

We all know that the health-based values in Red Oaks are unacceptable. We all know that this situation is a huge nuisance for its residents. (No one who isn't impacted, including you, John and James, understands what effects fear of the water that comes out of the faucets and shower heads in one's house has on one's mental state; not to mention the extraordinary physical strength it takes, (especially when you are a woman older than **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)** such as myself), to hoist one of these 5 gallon water tanks high enough to fit its opening PRECISELY onto the exact right spot on top of the water dispensation unit.

We, as a neighborhood, have no control over what the MPCA intends to do. All WE care about is the installation of city water in OUR neighborhood, no matter where the contamination comes from, WDE and/or anywhere else. (This

scientific mystery is not for us to solve.) We are also not interested which other neighborhoods are impacted, no matter how far out from us they may be.

We want OUR neighborhood to be a priority because ours was the one where the contamination was first detected.

However, we, as voters, DO have control over who is in office, state or local. [REDACTED] and I are very aware of this. In the next couple of months we will not only make the neighborhood aware of the position we are all in, we will also draw up petition after petition demanding all civic entities, to do their part to get us the city water which was promised us in 2020. It is our hope that the MPCA defend the interests of our Red Oaks neighborhood in their collaboration with the state legislature and the City of Andover, even though Red Oaks is only a miniscule section of Andover.

In the meantime, we are planning to work on our behalf ourselves by continuing to contact the media as we have before, and draw up and present to each house in person petition after petition to gain some traction.

Again: When will you, the MPCA, stop testing?

When will you, the City of Andover give the MPCA, (and yourself), a deadline to put an end to the situation Red Oaks is in, thus forcing an end to the crisis Red Oaks is still in?

Respectfully,

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